

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 658
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor the Huntingdon Xplosion 12-and-Under All-Star softball team on winning the 2003 State Championship Tournament.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Huntingdon Xplosion 12-and-Under All-Star softball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2003 season, winning the State Championship Tournament in Knoxville, becoming the first All-Star girls softball team from Huntingdon to win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the members of the Huntingdon Xplosion exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2003, the Huntingdon Xplosion clinched the final victory of the season in the State Softball Championship Tournament by defeating their longtime nemesis Sweetwater for the second time that day, thus bringing honor upon the City of Huntingdon; and

WHEREAS, a dominating team truly worthy of a State Championship, the Xplosion was an overpowering force on the field of play through their entire season as best exemplified by their runs scored ratio of 122 to 18 for the year; and

WHEREAS, the Championship-winning team members were as follows: Brittany Bolen, Brooke Cary, Stacey Cary, Kaitlynn Crossno, Ashley Gallimore, Erin Grant, Heather Odom, Amanda Renfroe, Brinn Scarbrough, Keliea Sullivan, Brooke Thomas and bat boy John Odom; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Carl Thomas and Assistant Coaches James Sullivan, Billy Bolen, Mark Cary and Gerald Scarborough laid the groundwork for the 2003 championship season by sharing their substantial knowledge of softball with the young women on the team; and

WHEREAS, the softball players of the Huntingdon Xplosion epitomize all that is good in today's youth, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired and united the entire Huntingdon community in completing their triumphal season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Huntingdon Xplosion 12-and-Under All-Star softball team for winning the State Tournament Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Huntingdon Xplosion 12-and-Under All-Star softball team on their remarkable 2003 season and State Championship Tournament victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy